



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q65358

Satoshi HOSHINO

Appln. No.: 09/899,075

Group Art Unit: 2661

Confirmation No.: 3548

Examiner: Unknown

Filed: July 06, 2001

For: AUTHENTICITY CHECKER FOR DRIVER'S LICENSE, AUTOMATED-TELLER MACHINE PROVIDED WITH THE CHECKER AND PROGRAM RECORDING MEDIUM

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RECEIVED

JAN 20 2004

Technology Center 2600

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) form and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

1. U.S. Patent No. 4,296,326 issued October 20, 1981.
2. World Patent No. 00/28492, published May 18, 2000.
3. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 11-66273, published March 9, 1999 with Patent Abstracts of Japan, Vol. 1999, No. 8, June 30, 1999.
4. World Patent No. 99/30267, published June 17, 1999.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed: (1) No later than three months from the application's filing date; (2) Before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits

Satoshi HOSHINO  
09/899,075  
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

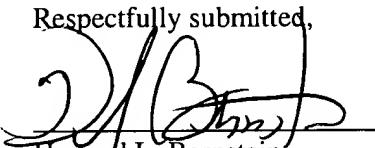
(whichever is later); or (3) Before the mailing date of the first Office Action after filing a request for continued examination (RCE) under §1.114, and therefore, no Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) or fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is required.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses herewith a copy of a corresponding European Search Report dated November 21, 2003, citing such documents and indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign patent office.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this paper is attached.

Respectfully submitted,



Howard L. Bernstein  
Registration No. 25,665

SUGHRUE MION, PLLC  
Telephone: (202) 293-7060  
Facsimile: (202) 293-7860

WASHINGTON OFFICE  
23373  
CUSTOMER NUMBER

Date: January 16, 2004

|  |   |                        |                 |
|--|---|------------------------|-----------------|
| Substitute for Form 1449 A & B/PTO                             |   | Complete if Known      |                 |
| <b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE</b><br><b>STATEMENT BY APPLICANT</b> |   | Application Number     | 09/899,075      |
|  |   | Confirmation Number    | 3548            |
|  |   | Filing Date            | July 06, 2001   |
|  |   | First Named Inventor   | Satoshi HOSHINO |
|  |   | Art Unit               | 2661            |
|  |   | Examiner Name          | Unknown         |
| Sheet  | 1 | of                     | 1               |
|  |   | Attorney Docket Number | Q65358          |

| U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS |                       |                 |                                      |                                |   |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| Examiner Initials*    | Cite No. <sup>1</sup> | Document Number |                                      | Publication Date<br>MM-DD-YYYY | Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document |
|                       |                       | Number          | Kind Code <sup>2</sup><br>(if known) |                                |   |
|                       |                       | US 4,296,326    | A                                    | 10/20/1981                     | Haslop et al.                                   |
|                       |                       | US              |                                      |                                |   |
|                       |                       | US              |                                      |                                |   |
|                       |                       | US              |                                      |                                |   |
|                       |                       | US              |                                      |                                | JAN 20 2004                                     |
|                       |                       | US              |                                      |                                |   |
|                       |                       | US              |                                      |                                |   |
|                       |                       | US              |                                      |                                | Technology Center 2600                          |
|                       |                       | US              |                                      |                                |   |
|                       |                       | US              |                                      |                                |   |

**Examiner Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date Considered** \_\_\_\_\_

\*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

<sup>1</sup>Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). <sup>2</sup>See Kind Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at [www.uspto.gov](http://www.uspto.gov), MPEP 901.04 or in the comment box of this document. <sup>3</sup> Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST. 3). <sup>4</sup>For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. <sup>5</sup>Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. <sup>6</sup> Applicant is to indicate here if English language Translation is attached.